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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In July 2014 the Medical Assistant Program granted a certified medical assistant credential to **Abigail Mary Fryman** (CM60421253) and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 she was convicted of driving while intoxicated; that same year she was charged with another count of driving while intoxicated and hit and run, unattended vehicle. Fryman received deferred prosecution on the latter two charges.

Douglas County

In June 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Jennifer S. Dechenne** (RN00124446) that requires her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Dechenne violated a previous substance abuse monitoring contract she signed after she tested positive for controlled substances for which she had no prescription, and admitted to diverting controlled substances.

King County

In July 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician **David S. Buscher** (MD00017089) with unprofessional conduct. Buscher allegedly didn't meet the standard of care in treating two patients he diagnosed with illness from mold exposure, resulting in unnecessary and costly

testing. He allegedly prescribed expensive medications that had little apparent benefit. Charges say Buscher's inappropriate treatment caused both patients to have moderate to severe reactions, and resulted in costly and psychologically damaging experiences.

In July 2014 the Mental Health Counselor and the Marriage and Family Therapist programs charged mental health counselor and marriage and family therapist **Duane Thomas Price** (LH00004721, LF00001669) with unprofessional conduct. Price allegedly relapsed on methamphetamine repeatedly after 12 years of abstinence.

In June 2014 the Mental Health Counselor Program denied a mental health counselor credential to **Julie Ann Heter** (LH60154386). She counseled a client who was an inmate at a correctional facility. After the client's release from custody, Heter moved in with and had a sexual relationship with the client.

In July 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Thomas Jay Osterdahl** (CO60273754).

In June 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Kent Harry Middleton** (RN60224857) and placed his credential on probation for at least three years. Middleton must pay a \$3,000 fine and complete continuing education in ethics and legal issues. Middleton provided substandard care for a patient, including keeping inadequate records, not properly assessing the patient, and not checking on the patient for about four hours.

In June 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Chris Leon Porter** (RN00148053, AP30006421) and placed his credential on probation for at least 1-1/2 years. Porter served as the medical director for a spa, but never went to the spa, never assessed its patients, and allowed another registered nurse to use his account to order Botox and other materials. He provided a physician's Drug Enforcement Agency number to the nurse to use in ordering supplies without the physician's permission.

In July 2014 the Medical Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified medical assistant **Edward Manora** (CM60393841) that suspends his license for at least 3-1/2 years, and fines him \$1,500. While working at a medical clinic, Manora hugged and kissed a patient and made sexually suggestive comments in an examination room. After the patient's appointment, Manora followed her to the front desk, into the elevator, and to a coffee shop. The patient was able to leave the coffee shop when Manora excused himself to use the restroom.

In July 2014 the Emergency Medical Technician Program ended probation for emergency medical technician **Nicholas Benjamin Augustavo** (ES60273601).

Pierce County

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Shane A. Foster** (NC60202266) with unprofessional conduct. Foster allegedly took \$20 from a purse that belonged to a patient at a rehabilitation center where he worked.

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **John K. Kananda** (NC60270106) with unprofessional conduct. Kananda allegedly admitted documenting that he'd taken two patients' blood pressure readings when he hadn't.

In July 2014 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor associate **Donald Ray Strand** (MC60170337) with unprofessional conduct. Strand allegedly developed improper relationships with two vulnerable clients, including touching them inappropriately, making sexually suggestive comments, sending photos of himself scantily dressed with obscene subject lines, and making remarks that weren't appropriate in a counselor-patient relationship.

Snohomish County

In July 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Nancy Lee Budd** (CO60210450), placed her on probation, and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Budd's credential was suspended in 2013 because she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

Spokane County

In July 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Brett Daniel Willcockson** (CO60455856), placed him on probation, ordered him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program, and directed him to complete course work in professional law and ethics. Willcockson was convicted of eight felonies, two gross misdemeanors, and one misdemeanor between 2007 and 2011.

Thurston County

In July 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kathi Sue Gibbs** (RN00074299) with unprofessional conduct. Gibbs allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In July 2014 the Physical Therapy Board charged physical therapist **Scott O. Ensign** (PT00006701) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations say Ensign repeatedly engaged in intimate sexual contact with a patient.

Walla Walla County

In July 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Christen A. Galipeau** (RN60157513) with unprofessional conduct. Galipeau allegedly left the rehabilitation facility where she worked about two hours after starting her shift without providing a report, transferring care of her patients, or notifying any other nurse that she was leaving. Galipeau also allegedly signed out medications for two patients, but didn't actually remove the medications, and signed out a dose of morphine for another patient, but didn't document administering it. Galipeau hasn't responded to an investigator's inquiries.

Whatcom County

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Joseph A. Hansen** (NA60021429) with unprofessional conduct. While caring for a severely developmentally delayed client, Hansen allegedly yelled profanities at the client, held him against a bathtub wall, and sprayed water in his face. After finding that Hansen abused a vulnerable adult, the Department of Social and Health Services will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Yakima County

In June 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Michael Anthony Molina** (CO60432291), and placed him on probation for at least three years. In 1997 and again in 1999 Molina was convicted of minor in possession and/or consumption. In 2004 he was convicted of driving while intoxicated; in 2006 he was convicted of second-degree burglary; in 2007 he was convicted of harassment of another; and in 2009 he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance—methamphetamine.

Out of State

Idaho: In June 2014 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the credential of licensed practical nurse **Bryan Joseph Offer** (LP60219009).

Illinois: In June 2014 the Medical Commission ended a suspension for physician **David T. Potter** (MD00046532), whose license was suspended in 2009 as a result of mental health issues.

Oregon: In July 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Dena Tweten** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Tweten allegedly worked as a dental hygienist with no license.

Utah: In July 2014 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Dana M. Swindle** (RN00117258).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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